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NARFE Tri-River Chapter No. 2098 meets the second Tuesday of each month at rotating sites with a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. in January and February and dinner meetings at 6:00 p.m. the remaining months. The newsletter is published monthly.

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September Meeting - Met at the Cadmus Grange Hall. There were 29 in attendance. Beginning January 1 the national dues will increase to \$40. This was voted on and approved at the National Convention. The Treasurer reported we have \$528.30 in the treasury.

Next Meeting - October 12, 2010, 6:00 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church, 4th and Main, Osawatomie. All members are encouraged to attend and invite or bring someone with them or anyone who might become a new member. Calling list members: please report to Darrell Williams, 913-755-4026, by Saturday, October 9, the number on your list who plan to attend. Be sure to make a reservation if you plan to attend. If you make a reservation and do not attend you will be expected to pay for the meal.

Sunshine - Irene Hodge reported she had contacted Jennie Folken and learned that Jennie is not well. Please remember Jennie in your thoughts and prayers as well as Andy Anderson who is dealing with a severe heart problem, Eva Frazee who recently had a stroke, and Darline Laws.

Legislation - OPM announced on October 1 that the 2011 FEHBP Premiums will increase an average of 7.3 percent. This increase is just less than the 8.8 percent average increase in 2010. President Baptiste is concerned

that federal annuitants and workers will be burdened by the large premium increases in a year when no cost of living adjustment is expected and the federal employee pay raise is anticipated to be minimal or non-existent. She is also troubled that the share paid by employees and retirees in the program's most popular plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield Standard option) will rise by 6.9 percent for self only and 7.6 percent for family plans. 2011 premiums are available on the OPM web site, www.opm.gov. A Continuing Resolution was passed by Congress and signed by the President to provide funding for all government operations through December 3rd. Late September 29 the Senate approved stop-gap legislation 69-30 and early the morning of September 30 the House voted 228-194 to approve the Senate amendments. President Obama signed the measure into law on the last day of the fiscal year.

The "Meet Your Candidates Month" will continue through Election Day, November 2nd.

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Membership - We currently have 101 members.

Alzheimer's - Our Alzheimer's auction was held at the September meeting. We took in \$665 from the auction and \$335 by mail for a total of \$1,000. Thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

Nominating Committee - This committee will be meeting soon. Please give consideration to becoming an officer for the coming year.